Announcement of the Independent Reviewer

Australian Health Ministers’ Advisory Council (AHMAC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Michael Woods to the role of Independent Reviewer for the Independent Review of Accreditation Systems under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Accreditation Systems Review).

Professor Woods is currently Professor of Health Economics in the Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation at the University of Technology Sydney. He has Visiting Scholar status at Australian National University. Professor Woods has extensive experience in economics, the public sector and health policy. He has previously been Commissioner, then Deputy Chair, of the Australian Productivity Commission during which time he presided over over 20 national policy inquiries and reviews. Professor Woods has also been Under Treasurer for the Australian Capital Territory.

The Accreditation Systems Review will provide advice to AHMAC on the effectiveness of the accreditation system in order to ensure that the educational programs provide a sustainable registered health profession workforce that is flexible and responsive to the changing health needs of the Australian community.

The terms of reference for this review include:

- cost effectiveness of the regime for delivering the accreditation functions
- governance structures including reporting arrangements
- opportunities for the streamlining of accreditation including consideration of the other educational accreditation processes
- the extent to which accreditation arrangements support educational innovation
- opportunities for increasing consistency and collaboration across professions.

The review will be completed by the end of 2017.

AHMAC wishes to congratulate Professor Woods on his appointment as Independent Reviewer and on the commencement of the Accreditation Systems Review.

Further information on the Accreditation Systems Review will shortly be available on the COAG Health Council website.